

III. REMARKS

1. Claims 1, 2, 17, 20-32, and 49-52 are amended. Claim 53-54 are new.
2. The claims are amended to address the 35 USC §112, second paragraph rejections.
3. Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 11, 12, 17, 19-21, 23, 24, 27, 28, 49 and 50 are not unpatentable for the reasons recited in the Office Action.

The independent claims are amended to recite that at least a counter parameter of the operating parameters is modified depending on a protocol currently used. This is not disclosed or suggested by the combination of references cited by the Examiner. Support for the amendments can be found at least in paragraphs [0053], [0054], [0059]-[0064], [0067] of the Office Action.

The Examiner states in Section 9 of the Office Action, referring to the cited 3GPP references, that "where cipher keys are transmitted between the MSC/VLRs during handover, and/or new keys can be generated or converted as necessary." The Examiner states that these cited sections disclose "adapting parameters between the wideband CDMA and packet-switched TDMA networks" in a manner claimed by Applicant. This position is respectfully traversed. While it is true that cipher keys are transmitted in handover, there is no disclosure in the cited references, either alone or in combination, of creation of "input parameters" of a format "required by the encryption algorithm" as recited by Applicant in the claims. The combination of references cited by the Examiner only discloses the transmission of "cipher keys." Therefore, these features claimed by Applicant are not disclosed or suggested.

Additionally, the cited 3GPP specifications do not disclose or suggest the modification of "counter parameters" in handover scenarios as is claimed by Applicant. Therefore, since each and every feature recited in claim 1 is not disclosed or suggested by the combination of references, claim 1 is not unpatentable. Claims 17, 49 and 50 are similarly not disclosed or suggested. Claims 2, 4-8, 11, 12, 19-21, 23, 24, 27 and 28 are not unpatentable at least by reason of their dependencies.

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